

CHAPTER X  
TOOLS FOR ACHIEVING THE PLAN

Some will say that the plan we have proposed for the development of downtown Smithfield is too ambitious, that it is impossible of achievement. It is ambitious, but it is possible for it to be brought about. In this chapter we will recommend some initial steps toward its achievement, and also some of the technical problems involved.

The first step to be taken is detailed and thoughtful consideration of this plan and its objectives. There are in Smithfield community leaders, City officials and others, who will take up the challenge of converting this recommended plan of development into concrete action. The Planning Board has guided the formulation of this plan, and its members are convinced that it is important for Smithfield to get started toward achievement of its objectives. But they cannot carry it out. Their most important role is to publicize, explain, and solicit support for the over-all objectives and for projects which will serve to achieve this objective. City Council action is necessary for achievement of the plan; so the Councilmen must make it their plan and take action in accordance with it, and the citizens must support them in this. However, the City has neither the legal power nor the resources to do many of the things required to make the plan a reality. The landowners and businessmen, individually and through their Chamber of Commerce and other organizations, must do many of the things necessary to improve their downtown in accordance with the plan. The partnership of public and private enterprise must be a reality if Smithfield is to take full advantage of the opportunities which exist in its downtown.